



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Lloyd Smucker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
127 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Smucker:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of UPMC Hanover for funding under the Federal Communications Commission's COVID-19 Telehealth Program, which is funded through a Congressional appropriation as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. As we engage in social distancing and healthcare providers work tirelessly to care for those with the COVID-19 disease and to prevent the spread to others, telehealth is becoming more important by the day.

The purpose of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program is to provide immediate support to eligible health care providers to improve their capacity to purchase telecommunications services, information services, and connected devices necessary to provide telehealth services and thus respond more effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate your support of UPMC Hanover's proposal for telehealth funding and thank you for highlighting its potential community impact.

We will certainly consider your recommendation as the Commission continues its review process. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai